

RE: ULTRATEC PETITION ON CAP TEL - DOCKET 98-67

As a hard of hearing person, I am asking you for full support on the above phone. I was born with a hearing loss and have struggled most of my adult life in communicating with the hearing world. I currently have a VCO phone which itself is a lifesaver, but there are many shortcomings. The main ones being you cannot hear the person you are calling and the delay when the CA types back to you. No one in the hearing world would fully understand unless they could experience what a HOH person does. The new CAP TEL phone would allow the HOH to hear the person and also there is minimal delay (I am told). I am currently working on participating in the study since I have just found out about it and I am a federal gov't employee.

Please, I am sending these comments to support ULTRATEC's petition to the FCC on offering of CapTel service. I just know the impact would be immense on my ability to use the phone. It would really improve the efficiency of my how I perform my job and run my household. I strongly recommend CapTel become a permanent full time service.

In closing, CapTel should be recognized by the FCC as a reimbursable TRS service.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

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